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Mr. PRESSLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
Transportation, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 1084]

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, to which was referred the bill (S. 1084) to provide for the conveyance of the C.S.S. *Hunley* to the State of South Carolina, and for other purposes, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon and recommends that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

S. 1084 provides for the conveyance of the C.S.S. *Hunley* to the State of South Carolina.

This conveyance includes all rights, title, and interest of the United States in the C.S.S. *Hunley*.

BACKGROUND AND NEEDS

In May 1995, divers from the South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology and a private non-profit group, National Underwater and Marine Agency, discovered the intact wreckage of the C.S.S. *Hunley*, a 40-foot long Confederate submarine which sank near Charleston Harbor in 1864 during the Civil War. To prevent looting or unauthorized salvage, the Coast Guard, on July 31, 1995, established a temporary security zone in the vicinity of the *Hunley*.

The C.S.S. *Hunley* is an important part of American and Civil War history. The submarine sank while defending Charleston, South Carolina, and has rested on the ocean floor since that time. The Charleston Museum currently displays a full-scale model of the *Hunley*, commemorating its valiant service and memorializing the lost crew. The State of South Carolina has expressed an interest in an exhibit of the submarine at the Charleston Museum.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

Senator Thurmond introduced S. 1084 on July 27, 1995. The bill is cosponsored by Senator Hollings.

On August 10, 1995, in open executive session, the Committee, without objection, ordered the bill reported.

SUMMARY OF MAJOR PROVISIONS

S. 1084, as reported, provides for the conveyance to the State of South Carolina, without consideration, of all rights, title, and interest of the United States in the C.S.S. *Hunley*, a sunken Confederate submarine located in close proximity to Charleston, South Carolina. Terms and conditions of the conveyance should ensure the proper preservation of the C.S.S. *Hunley*.

ESTIMATED COSTS

In accordance with paragraph 11(a) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate and Section 403 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee provides the following cost estimate, prepared by the Congressional Budget Office.

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, August 30, 1995.

Hon. LARRY PRESSLER,
*Chairman, Committee on Commerce,
Science, and Transportation, Washington, D.C.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has reviewed S. 1084, a bill to provide for the conveyance of the C.S.S. *Hunley* to the State of South Carolina, and for other purposes, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation on August 10, 1995. We estimate that enacting S. 1084 would have no impact on the federal budget or on the budgets of state or local governments. This legislation would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

S. 1084 would direct the federal government to convey to South Carolina title and all rights to the *Hunley*, a Confederate submarine sunken in a harbor near Charleston. The United States would receive no compensation for the conveyance but would have the right to require any terms and conditions deemed necessary for preservation of the vessel.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Deborah Reis.

Sincerely,

ROSEMARY MANASS,
(For June E. O'Neill).

REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

In accordance with paragraph 11(b) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee provides the following evaluation of the regulatory impact of the legislation, as reported.

S. 1084, as reported, provides for the conveyance of the C.S.S. *Hunley* to the State of South Carolina. It will have no effect on the

number of individuals regulated or on the personal privacy of such persons. Any additional amount of paperwork or regulatory requirements resulting from this legislation would be minimal.

SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

SEC. 1. CONVEYANCE OF C.S.S. HUNLEY.

This section directs the President to have the appropriate Federal official convey to the State of South Carolina, without consideration, all rights, title and interest of the United States in the C.S.S. *Hunley*, a sunken Confederate submarine.

The section also acknowledges that the terms of the conveyance may require certain conditions to be necessary to ensure the proper preservation of the submarine.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In compliance with paragraph 12 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee states that the bill as reported would make no change in existing law.

